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1/19/42

Wren House,
Walsham-le-Wilts
Suffolk

2/5/22

My dear Mr. Mason.

This is just a
tiny letter to thank you for all
your goodness to us which
we never - appreciated.
I'd covered myself a though
how to express self in a way
I could not really know &
for all that the conference meant
but I expect you know what it
means to us all -
It was so lovely for me
to see such a lot of you.

much joy from the whole of us

Yours affectionately
Pauline & Charles

St. Hilda's. Bushley. May 4.

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my dearest miss Mason

Perhaps it's as well sometimes that a flourish
per week always carry over the whole duration of one's heart
for on losing you - wanting to say thank you in such
a very big quantity! I can't think about the week at all
in rational terms but only in verses from the psalms & bible,
& oh it's nice to be getting a little older so that one can
understand a little better - each day a tiny bit better perhaps
but one doesn't find that out till the conference! OR was
it only to have so much of you - it was so delightful to
find you well enough to be really generous this time! I
like to think of all those other hungry lions coming up
in another month, but oh my! I'm chortling to think that
we had first innings!! We narrated it all over myself
about twice already - but I shall go through it again tonight
- like a fat cobra, well fed on rabbit, peacefully slithering it
off into his system!!

Now I'm trying to think how I can give it back -
& why I am so privileged. I hope I'm not an insulator &
that the beauty of this week will pass through me to the
children - I do so want them to have it. We spent today
in telling the parents about the conference you're having &

writing them to go.

Espresso

There are lots of ways of 'propagandising' our mass dō—
going around them on a separate bit of paper. But it's
like Christianity—(isn't it specially heavenly to have a
vocation & religion all in one; & that's what you're given us)

- I always find that the parents see, or don't see, the P.N.E.U.
as reflected through me. and so it behoves one to keep very
single-eyed, & drink profoundly at such times, as last week,
when the healing streams do, literally, abound.

And if you do not think it very presuming would
you & could you let the present students know how
much we love them too. I feel so hurt for them when
they were rather weakly told that we were disappointed
to come up & find them making errors such as we have
hoped to avoid. (We'd be awfully jealous if they really were
helped & 'stuck') Well— it's only a kind of warmth of love
& feeling of wanting to give to others what they are wanting
to tell that makes it possible for some of us old
students to get up & speak in an assembly— our
hires are very shaky indeed! And anyhow somebody's
been doing very beautiful work in the primary school
— perhaps you know who the somebody is & could

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3/ Congratulate accordingly.

St Hilda's looks very shiny & clean. There's a big green & white classroom with large windows, because it was a studio, & a beamed high roof (& oh such lovely children in them time) Then there's the dining room where I am now, brown panelled, & low windowed, with a shiny varnished mahogany table & a brown floor, & lots of daffodils & Bieder pictures. Then there's a red tiled hall, & a white panelled drawing room hung with M^r Bates pictures & engravings, chiefly - & a white bookcase full of many colored books, & a low window & rather comfy chair in which one is luxuriating on Sunday afternoons! Over these 2 last rooms are 6 bedrooms. The roof is gabled - & there's a little garden round about, with pear & cherry trees & lots of things that are coming out in spite of the cold - & a ridge simply built for birds nests!

and now I'm missing out Mary Lucy at Bath because she naturally would have required to have known 'all about it' & would have injured poor Phoebe & everything. Alas. I think it was extraordinarily nice of the lasses to make

D.P.C. cont'd

a special show for us. Perhaps you didn't know
but more was a sort of pageant of tenth ~~week~~ roses
up by Rydal caves - quite unreasonable display of
course, except in the light of it being a Conference year!

There wasn't a chance to say goodbye to anyone
because I had to leave on Wednesday - but what a
goodbye more or less. But I want to say thank you.
Yr loving train

Vivian C. Curran.

What the Teafut people called Edwin - Angelina? I
know they lived in Bushley & I often think of them
rejoicing in the fact (fictitious!) that 'heathch feathers'
are only a 'penny a piece' in this suburban part of
the world!

Proposed

Learn to speak! Heads of us don't get our message through because we are afraid to say! It's a great effort to speak to a meeting - perhaps because we are bad at narrating! Poor start we ought to find someone who will endorse our narration until we find that we can, in a more or less effortless, & neat, a gracious way, give example & precept.

giving. It's not always easy to go to the elementary teachers as a stranger & with no authority. By means of giving one frequently becomes acquainted with school teachers from all descriptions of schools, & also one gets to know the parents. Through them one might get to work.

As to the fathers themselves - the P.N.E.V. has got a lot to teach them! They have, generally, company funds & can purchase books. We can guide the children's choice. We can get a certain

amount of narration into our work. I suppose it's
as to nature work - how an un-preserved captain
ever gets to work at all? I can't imagine! We
make our companies keep their lists, bid lists
& all the rest of it. Do you know - in one case
a 'nature diary' was required to be a daily
account of the weather!!!

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c/o Lady Helen Cassel

PUTTERIDGE BURY,

LUTON.

May 5th 1922

My dear Miss Mason

After such a glorious,
joyous Conference Week at
Ambleside I feel I must
write & thank you once
more for everything.

It has meant so much
to see you again & to
hear all you told us &
reminded us of. It has

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been really refreshing &
inspiring, & our minds
& souls have indeed been
richly fed.

With my love & warmest
thanks

I remain

Your affectionate "bairn"

Katharine Loveday

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3 St David's Avenue
Benhill.

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My dear Miss Mason

Just a few words of very hearty thanks for all your kindness and hospitality during the Conference. It was indeed good to be up in Ambleside again and it was especially good that you were able to take such a very active part. We had a lovely time - one that we shall not readily forget. and it was good to see so many there. I hope you are not all dreadfully

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Tired : you all worked so hard
for us in different ways -
I am writing to Caudillay -
on behalf of the students.

I seem to have been talking
hard ever since my return
but have not told half yet -
Keep on thinking of fresh things.

With much love and my
most loving thanks -

I am ever your loving

Bairn

William Ray

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May 7th.

My dear Miss Mason,

I am ready to start work again with a healed and well fed mind. Scale How is indeed a green pasture and as for the still waters, they seem to be within, in a way of which I have had no previous experience.

Yours,

I am infinitely thankful & look forward

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to following the ways in
which I can prove myself
to be your faithful &
loving daughter

Ernest Cholmondeley.

26th May 1922
Logmore
Lorking
May 7th 1922

Dear Miss Mason

I feel I must write and tell you how very much I enjoyed the Conference and how helpful and inspiring the last three days were. It has made everything seem even more 'worth while' than it was before.

You will be glad to hear that Priscilla Barclay very much approves of this term's books! She was very keen on the Pottery last term, and during the holidays she and her brother have made a large potters' wheel - which - alas - just does not work - but we hope to get it all right in working order soon.

Summer really seems to have set in at last - the weather is delightful and everything is coming out fast.

I do hope that you didn't find the

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conference too tiring, and that you
are not feeling any ill effects.

Please accept my grateful thanks
and best wishes for the success of
the next Conference

I am

your loving disciple
Nancy Chubb.

P.S. I must tell you that I have
at last secured a copy of the picture
in the Spanish Chapel in S^{ta} Maria Novella,
Florence - by Taddeo Gaddi. I got it thro'
a friend who went to Italy.

Denton

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May 7th
1922.

My dear Miss Mason

We have had very little leisure since we came home, or I would have written sooner to thank you very sincerely for your great kindness to us all during our memorable visit to Ambleside.

It all seems like a dream now we are back again in the old routine, but I know

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that we shall all
keep in our memory
the helpful words we
heard from you and
others, also we hope
to carry out the same
in our teaching life.

Dora & I are both
inspired & are longing
to begin the term.

Miss Smith arrives on
Tuesday, and her room
is all ready for her,
everything is bright &
new for the new term.

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I do hope you are not
too tired after your
great exertions, it must
have been most tiring
to receive so many
people at once as you
did, but I am sure
you know what great
pleasure you afforded
to us all.

With love & many thanks
from Dora & myself to
you and the staff.

yours affectionately
Sophie Smyth.

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52. Lower Sloane St
London.
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May 7th 1922.

My dear Miss Mason.

Thank you for the
delightful time you gave
us. It was so helpful.
And I have a delicious
picture of you to carry

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in my mind's eye until
we meet again -

With my deeps love.

Yrs affect^r

Mauds Mac Keeby.

P.S. My love to Miss Hitchins
& Miss Parish please.

45, Tonbridge Road.

Banstead
Surrey

May 9th 1922.

My dear Miss Mason -

The rush of packing up, and getting back to my work here has made it almost impossible for me to find a few quiet minutes to write this letter to you sooner, to thank you very, very much for the inspiring, & beautiful time you gave to us at Scale Hol. The 1922 Conference will ever be remembered by all who were present, as a very special conference. It was such a great privilege to have you to speak to us so much, & give us your advice about the many problems which arise in our work. I am quite sure we all earned array fresh courage & hope for our work. I know I did, & much more besides. I have often felt so disappointed that my hopes of a small class never seem to materialize, but I think the conference helped me to understand that. There is a tremendous field open for ^{more} work, even in Paul - a class of one's own! I do hope you were not very tired after such a strenuous week -

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We much appreciated the lectures, & talks given
to us by all the Scale How staff. I have
already started another Nature Note Book, after
Miss Drury's helpful talk -

It was so delightful to feel the happy
atmosphere of Scale How about us again -

Will again most grateful thanks for
all that the conference week has
been to me, & with love -

Your affectionate -

Phyllis N. Bonsor

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Sheffield

May 9th/22

Dear Miss Mason

I feel that I must write you a little note to say how very much I enjoyed the Students' Conference and how grateful I feel to you for your generous hospitality and your ever warm and loving welcome.

The Conference was a real help and stimulus and I will make a real effort to prevent what I have joined feeling before

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'the light of common day' -
I hope that I have told you
before how much I have
always appreciated your
wonderful gift of 'The Word of
Witness.' It has shamed all
my wanderings for 21 years,
and my bedroom would have a
forlorn look without it.

With much love

Your affec: Bairn
Erie France.

May 10th

Great House ~~Hambledon~~
Hambledon
Godalming

My dear Mrs Mason

I should like to write & tell you what a wonderful & lovely week I found that of the Conference, & to thank you so very much for it all. For it was so nice to be able to come up to Scale How so often & to see so much of everyone & everything there. I cannot tell you ^{how} much I enjoyed it all; & the papers & discussions were all so helpful & encouraging. It is indeed a splendid time on which to look back.

Here we are hard at work again. It was so nice to come & find the children longing for the term. We have started reading "Howard the Wake" aloud & Susan is loving it. The three of us are hoping to keep insect lists, & as we know almost nothing about them it will be rather exciting.

I wish I could tell you that M^s Readhead was going to the next Conference but I fear it is too far, as she is not a very great traveller.

Now I must not keep you any longer.

With much love

Yours affec

Eileen Clunie

^{112pmc922}
31 Holland Rd

W. 14.

May 12th /22

Dear Miss Mason,

I wish I could tell you how much of joy and inspiration I have brought back from Ambleside, and how wonderful it was to be up at Scale How, in the Clear Room & at Meditation again, and hear you speak so inspiringly of our work. I feel so ashamed of how little I have done

and how much of
time sometimes seem
largest "bit" the car
do to the nearest one
in hand, however tiny
it may be.
With many houses,
there's a very small
house, and every house
has some other house
alongside it, so